



Welcome

“Generous like Jesus”

 **st**matthias

Sunday 25th February

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Welcome! Join us in church or online

www.youtube.com/@stmatthiaschurchtorquay6827/streams

**The church is usually open on Wednesdays from 12-2pm to visit
or for personal prayer**

Sun 25 Feb	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Morning Worship <i>followed by tea/coffee</i> https://youtube.com/live/e9lOJQxnpY4?feature=share
	5.30pm ‘Praise @ 5.30’ <i>informal praise and worship</i>
Mon 26 Feb	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>
Tues 27 Feb	9-9.30am Morning Prayer <i>on zoom</i>
	9-11.30am Toddlers <i>in church</i>
	12-1.30pm St Matt’s Knits – <i>knit and natter</i>
	(7 for) 7.30pm Lent Course week 2 <i>(repeated 10am Wednesdays)</i>
Wed 28 Feb	9am Holy Communion
	9.40am Ukrainian support group
	10am Lent Course <i>in the Lounge</i>
	12-2pm ‘Welcome Space’ <i>in the church</i>
	7pm (on zoom) Israel and Gaza – Dr Megan Warner
Thurs 29 Feb	2.30pm Funeral of Mr Colin Taylor
Fri 1 Mar	10-11.30am Mummy & Me <i>in church</i> <i>followed by workshop in Hall 12-2pm</i>
	6.30-8pm Youth Club
Sat 2 Mar	9am Men’s Breakfast at The Grand torbay.mens.breakfast@gmail.com
Sun 3 Mar	8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	9.30am Explore Together
	10.30am Gather to Pray
	11am Holy Communion <i>followed by tea/coffee</i>
Mon 4 Mar	11.30am Funeral of Pat Haynes

Collect:

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ’s sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Thanks go to:



Musicians and
singers

Readings

Romans 13:8-14, 14:1-13 & 19; 15:5 & 6

13⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not covet,' and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law. ¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: the hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

14 Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters. ² One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³ The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴ Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵ One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. ⁶ Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸ If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹ It is written:

"As surely as I live," says the Lord,
"Every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will acknowledge God."

¹² So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. ¹³ Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling-block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. ¹⁹ Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

15 ⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 8:34-38

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.'

Dates for the diary

'Marking Lent'

This year's Lent course is an **exploration of Mark's Gospel** on Tuesday evenings – next one is **27th February at 7.30pm (7pm for refreshments)**. *(Repeated on Wed mornings at 10am).*

On Maundy Thursday 28 March (from 7- 9pm), we'll listen to the whole of Mark's Gospel together followed by a short service of Holy Communion.

1. (Introduction to Mark)
2. 'Who is Jesus?' & 'Who is God?'
3. 'Plundering Satan's house'
4. 'The Teacher'
5. 'Death of the King'

Reflections on the journey

In *An Evening with Rob Parsons*, (from 'Care for the Family') we invite you to step into the untold stories from Rob's lifetime of overcoming obstacles, letting go of childhood labels and discovering that the past doesn't have to define us.

21st March, 7.30pm – 10pm. Belmont Chapel, Exeter. Tickets £8 – 11. Two complimentary tickets may be available – contact the office.

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/tourevents/an-evening-with-rob-parsons/>

Israel and Gaza – need help understanding what is happening?

"Thinking about Israel's claim to Israel and its biblical underpinnings"

Dr Megan Warner **Wednesday 28th February 7pm on zoom**

Megan is Tutor in Old Testament and Biblical Hebrew at Northern College/Luther King Centre for Theology and Ministry and holds positions as Honorary Researcher at the Universities of Exeter and Manchester. To be sent the (free) zoom link, please complete the booking form on the Diocesan website here (the course is definitely open to all, and is listed towards the bottom of the form) <http://tinyurl.com/3cj6ap35>

Good Friday 29 March @ 12.30pm Christians Together Walk – meet at the Harbourside. Anyone is welcome to join in.

News

Sad News We are sorry to let you know that Colin Taylor and Pat Haynes have recently died. Their funerals will be taking place soon at St Matthias Church. The funeral for Colin Taylor will be on Thursday 29 February at 2.30pm; Pat Haynes Monday 4 March at 11.30am. We pray for their families and friends at this time.

Torbay Street Pastors are currently seeking an Administrative Assistant to assist in the day to day operational aspects of their work. This is a paid position but with hours to suit a suitable individual. To apply please send a CV to: torbay@streetpastors.org.uk

Supporting our ministry at St Matthias: you can give financially either through the Parish Giving Scheme <http://tinyurl.com/3pzu34sn> or by scanning this code.



Prayer Suggestions for our prayers and praise this week

MON	Pray for Gaza with 1.5 million people sheltering in the southern part and fearing a further ground offensive. Pray for a cease-fire and humanitarian aid.
TUES	Pray for the Lent talk - that we find the truth of scripture life-giving.
WED	Pray for Welcome Space that it may meet the needs of all who come - regulars and occasional visitors.
THURS	Pray for an end to the civil war in Sudan - with 12,000 casualties, 9 million displaced and 25 million in need of aid.
FRIDAY	Pray for Nicci Maxwell and all those we know serving abroad.
SAT	Pray for the soul of Russia following the death of Navalny. And pray for Ukraine as it fights on against the oppressor.
SUN	Pray for Sunday ministry.

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